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## **News Release - Terrorist Financing: List of Suspects**

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This news release is issued in respect of the financial measures against terrorism.

The Bank of England, as agent for Her Majesty's Treasury, news release to advise that Council Decision 2003/646/EC Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 2580/2001 on specific measures directed against certain persons and entities with combating terrorism and repealing Decision 2003/480/EC in the Official Journal of the European Union on Saturday 13 September 2003. The Council Decision adds the entity named below to those to whom Regulation 2580/2001 applies. As a result the whole is now on the list of those to whom Regulation 2580/2001 previously only Hamas-Izz al-Din al-Qassem appeared on

The Bank of England, as agent for Her Majesty's Treasury, there is as a result a binding and directly applicable obligation under Community law to freeze all funds, other financial assets and resources of Hamas, and not to make any funds, other financial or economic resources available to Hamas: Article 2(1) of Regulation 2580/2001. Financial institutions are requested to check whether they maintain any accounts for the entity named below and, if so, to freeze the accounts and report their findings to the Bank of England.

#### **Entity**

1. **Hamas** (including Hamas-Izz al-Din al-Qassem).

The above name is in addition to those listed in:

The Bank's Notices dated 5 September 2003, 26 August 2003, 29 May 2003, 6 May 2003, 28 February 2003, 20 February 2003, 24 January 2003, 13 December 2002, 19 November 2002, 24 October 2002, 18 October 2002, 14 August 2002, 18 July 2002, 9 January 2002, 28 December 2001, 21 December 2001 and 1 December 2001 - each entitled NOTICE CONTAINING A LIST OF PERSONS AND ENTITIES TO WHOM FINANCIAL SANCTIONS APPLY UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS MEASURES) ORDER 2001 (S.I. 2001/3365);

The Bank's Notices dated 5 September 2003, 24 January 2002 and 11 March 2002 - each entitled NOTICE CONTAINING A LIST OF PERSONS AND ENTITIES TO WHOM FINANCIAL SANCTIONS APPLY UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE AL-QA'IDA AND THE TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS MEASURES) ORDER 2002 (S.I. 2002/1000);

#### **References**

Council Decision 2003/646/EC implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism and repealing Decision 2003/480/EC is in Official Journal No. L 225, 20.9.2003, p. 22.

Regulation (EC) No. 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 1534/2001 is in Official Journal No. L344, 28.12.2001, p. 70.

#### **Note to Editors**

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